GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3704
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
EXTENSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any letter from the rail users o r Member of Parliament regarding extension o f Railway network, change of time table of some trains and change o f name o f some trains in respect of some freedom fighters etc., in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) and (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3704 BY SHRI HEM LAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2004 REGARDING EXTENSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK.

(a) & (b) : The details of each and every demand received is not maintained. However, some o f the recent requests received regarding extension of railway network, change of time table of some train and change of name of some trains in respect of some freedom fighters along with their status in Jharkhand are as under:-

Demand	Status
Construction of Korba-Lohardaga new line.	A survey for Korba-Lohardaga new line was conducted in 2001-02. As per results of the survey, cost of the 326 kms long line had been assessed as Rs. 621.67 crore with a rate of return of 7.25%. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, proposal could not be taken up for consideration.
Construction of new rail line between Barwadih and Chirimiri	Chirimiri-Bishrampur is already an existing Broad Gauge line. Bishrampur-Ambikapur new BG line is an approved work which is in progress. As per results of the survey conducted in 2001-02, cost of 182 kms long line had been assessed as Rs.406.86 crore with a rate of return of 4.85%. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, proposal could not be taken up for consideration.
Construction of rail line from Tata Nagar to Ranchi via Chandil-Namkom	Survey for new line from Ranchi to Kandra is in progress. Survey for a new Broad Gauge line from Kandra to Namkom has been included in Budget 2004-05. Further consideration of the proposals would be possible once the results of surveys become available.
Construction of Chatra-Gaya line	A survey has been included in Budget 2004-05. Further consideration of the proposal would be feasible once results of survey become available.
Daily running and change in the timing of Vananchal Express	Examined and not found feasible due to operational constraints.
Extension of Vikramshila Express to Sahebganj	Examined and not found feasible due to operational constraints.

Renaming of Vananchal Express as Siddu Kanhu Express	As a matter of policy, Railways do not name trains after personalities.